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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in connection with the Office Action mailed on August 25, 2003 in the above-identified application. A three-month extension of time to respond is requested, and the fee therefore accompanies this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 23-0785 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.